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For: **Multifocal Ophthalmic Lens**

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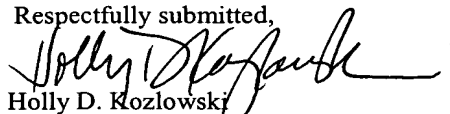
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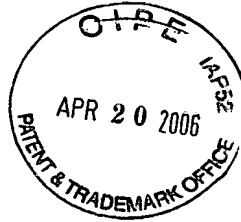
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated March 20, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between invention I, claims 1-101, drawn to methods, and invention II, claims 102, 103, 175 and 176, drawn to multifocal ophthalmic lens. The Examiner asserted that the inventions are distinct because the multifocal ophthalmic lens can be used within a telescope.

This restriction requirement is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. First, Applicants submit that the two groups of claims enumerated by the Examiner are not related as product and process of use. To the contrary, claims 1-101 are drawn to methods of designing a multifocal ophthalmic lens while claims 102, 103, 175 and 176 are directed to multifocal ophthalmic lenses. Thus, the two groups of claims are related as a product and a process of making the product. Without commenting on the accuracy of the Examiner's assertion that the multifocal ophthalmic lens can be used within a telescope, the Examiner's

statement provides no basis for requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the two groups of enumerated claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 is requested.

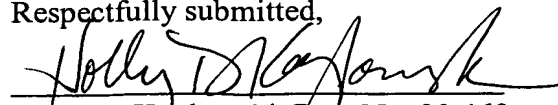
In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect claims 102, 103, 175 and 176, with traverse for the reasons set forth above.

The Examiner further indicated that upon selection of the invention I, claims 1-101, a further election of species A-H was required, and upon selection of invention I, claims 1-101, an election of species A-L was required. Since Applicants have not elected invention I, method claims 1-101, it does not appear that an election of species is required.

Moreover, Applicants submit that the election of species requirements are improper and should be withdrawn. That is, under 37 C.F.R. 1.146, an election of species requirement may be made wherein an application contains a generic claim to a generic invention and claims to more than one patentability distinct species. However, the Examiner has not shown that the enumerated species A-H in the first election of species requirement or the enumerated species A-L in the second election of species requirement are mutually exclusive of one another, thereby warranting the election of species requirements. To the contrary, Applicants submit that there is substantial overlap between at least some of the species enumerated by the Examiner, to the extent that the Examiner's identification of the respective species is understood. In this regard, Applicants note that the enumerated species are described by reference to numbered paragraphs, presumably from Applicants' published application. In the event that the Examiner maintains these election of species requirements, substantive identification of the species to which the Examiner is referring is requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction and election requirements set forth in the Official Action. Examination of all claims on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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